

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-23 and 28-43 without prejudice.

24. (Original) A process for the production of a dialkyl carbonate and a diol coproduct, said process comprising:

contacting at least one aliphatic monohydric alcohol and a mixture of a cyclic carbonate and an alkyl hydroxyalkyl carbonate in the presence of a transesterification catalyst at a temperature, pressure and a period of time sufficient to produce said dialkyl carbonate and said diol coproduct.

25. (Original) The process of claim 24, wherein said aliphatic monohydric alcohol is a mixture of two alcohols and said dialkyl carbonate is unsymmetric.

26. (Original) The process of claim 24, wherein said cyclic carbonate is selected from the group consisting of: ethylene carbonate, propylene carbonate, 1,2-butylene carbonate, 2,3-butylene carbonate, 1,1-dimethylethylene carbonate, 1,1,2-trimethylethylene carbonate, 1,1,2,2-tetramethylethylene carbonate, and a mixture thereof.

27. (Original) The process of claim 24, wherein said cyclic carbonate conversion is at least 5 %.